Call for Papers:

“Job, intertextually - synchrony and diachrony across creative debate”

Tartu, Estonia: from the evening of August 5 to noon on August 7, 2018

Urmas Nõmmik, Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Tartu, Stefan Fischer, Old Testament scholar at the University of Vienna and Christo Lombaard, Research Professor in Christian Spirituality at the University of South Africa, cordially invite paper proposals for this innovative conference.

We invite paper proposals from:

• Hebrew Bible scholars who specialise on textual, contextual, theological and hermeneutical questions related to the book of Job, both in its final form and in its historical trajectories of development; intertextual studies between Job and other biblical texts;
• Theologians and Philosophers with an interest in interpretative lines related to the book of Job and its themes especially the questions of theodicy;
• Scholars and practitioners of the arts (poetry, literature, music, painting, sculpture and more) with an interest in artistic reception and reinterpretation of the book of Job.

As is clear from these broad guidelines, we invite focussed as much as interdisciplinary contributions on Job. In addition, we particularly welcome younger scholars and research students who study texts and topics that approach what is found in Job.

Paper proposals should include a succinct title for the contribution, an abstract (± 150 words) and the name (where applicable, also the institutional affiliation) of the presenter/s.

Proposals should be sent to: urmas.nommik@ut.ee

Closing date for paper proposals: 1 May 2018.
There will be no conference fee. A notice concerning the venue, accommodation and transportation will follow after 1 May. If you need assistance concerning convenient and/or affordable accommodation in Tartu, or transportation options, please contact Urmas Nõmmik.

Context:

The date of the conference has been carefully chosen so as to enable colleagues who attend the **EABS / SBL conference in Helsinki (30 July - 3 August 2018)**, easily to attend this conference too. Tartu is just a short ferry ride across the Baltic sea from Helsinki to Tallinn, with then a 2 ½ hours bus or train ride through the Estonian countryside. Alternatively, you may fly to Tallinn or Tartu. There is also the possibility to spend a day *en route* in the Estonian capital of Tallinn. These cities offer refreshingly different experiences to other conference settings.

See:
- www.eabs.net/
- www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Internationalmeeting.aspx

Fischer and Lombaard have over recent years become well associated with their annual Song of Songs conference. However, in the light of this year’s *Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense* topic, it has been decided for 2018 not to arrange an additional conference on the same book. We however encourage colleagues with an interest in Song of Songs to consider participating in the Leuven event:

In addition, Lombaard has long been associated with one of the strongly-growing Baltic universities, *LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania*, and with the thematics of their conference this year:
- www.lcc.lt/home/academics/research/cfhf-events/august-conferences-2018/

We encourage colleagues interested in this conference too, immediately after EABS / SBL Helsinki, strongly to consider participation.

One of the characteristics of our time is the abundance of opportunities!

Kind regards

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